GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DECREASE IN AIR FARE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Embassy of India at Qatar and other Gulf countries have received representations for decrease in air fares from Gulf sector to India by National Air Carriers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): Indian Missions in Qatar, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates have received representations regarding high fares charged by Air India and Indian Airlines on India-Gulf sectors.

(c): International Air Transport Association (IATA) holds Tariff Coordination Conferences for determining airfares for different sectors, which are attended by representative airlines. These fares are unanimously agreed to by all airlines operating on the concerned route. However market dynamics and product features like frequency, timing, direct/indirect operation, nature of traffic and seasonability etc. also influence airfares. The fares being changed by Air India and Indian Airlines on India. Gulf sectors are therefore very competitive